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DOJ,

I'm writing to express my shock and dismay concerning the settlement proposed by the Bush administration in the Microsoft antitrust case. The proposed settlement has several serious shortcomings:

1. It does not punish the company for its illegal activities
2. It does little to prevent future illegal activities
3. It essentially rewards the company for its abuse of power
4. It effectively increases the company's market share, strengthening its monopoly position.

For a settlement to be fair, it must:

- * make it easier for competitors (AOL, Apple, Sun, Oracle, and others) to penetrate markets that Microsoft dominates
- * make it harder for Microsoft to abuse its monopoly status.
- * discourage other companies for engaging in illegal monopolistic practices.

The current settlement proposal isn't justice. Our government must do more to bring Microsoft to justice.

Sincerely,

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